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SUBJ: RECOMMENDATION SECRETARY SIMON VISIT SRI LANKA

FOR ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: COLOMBO 0596

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD PERSONALLY  
PUT YOUR WEIGHT BEHIND OUR RECOMMENDATION TREASURY  
SECRETARY SIMON VISIT SRI LANKA NEXT MONTH.

2. BASIC RATIONALE IN SUPPORT OF VISIT CONTAINED  
REFTEL BUT, AS ADDITIONAL POINT, WE SHOULD KEEP  
IN MIND POSSIBLE CEYLONese SENSITIVITIES IF U.S.  
CABINET OFFICIAL VISITS MADRAS BUT DOES NOT CROSS  
PALK STRAIT TO SRI LANKA. EVEN IF VISIT IS SHORT  
ONE, I AM CONFIDENT IT WILL BEAR PRODUCTIVE RESULTS  
IN TERMS U.S. INTERESTS AND WILL BE WELCOMED BY  
CEYLONese.

3. I, OF COURSE, CANNOT DETERMINE WHETHER PRIME  
MINISTER WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL WE KNOW WHETHER  
SECRETARY CAN COME, AND HIS DATES, BUT PROSPECTS  
OF HER AVAILABILITY OBVIOUSLY WILL BE ENHANCED IF  
VISIT IS SCHEDULED FOR OTHER THAN WEEKEND. SIMILARLY,  
WE WOULD NEED TO HAVE SECRETARY'S DATES BEFORE  
WE COULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER FINANCE MINISTER N.M.  
PERERA WOULD BE HERE OR WOULD ALREADY HAVE DEPARTED  
FOR ADB MEETING MANILA.

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